HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN : അതിന്റെ കാരണം ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞു കഴിഞ്ഞു. ആ ജോലിക്ക കൺട്രാക്റ്റ കൊടുത്തയാൾ കുറച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ ആ പണി ഇട്ടിട്ടുപോയി. അതുകൊണ്ട് വേറെ അറേൻജ്മെൻറ് ഉണ്ടാക്കേണ്ടതായി വന്നു. അതാണ കാലതാമസത്തിന കാരണം.

Renovation of tanks.

436. MR. A. NESAMONY: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many tanks have been deepened in the Vilavancode, Kalkulam and Neyyattinkara taluks;

(*b*) what amount has been spent on such works;

(*c*) have the contractors been paid in full for such work; and

(*d*) how many of such tanks have no (1) proper bunds, (2) outlet and (3) inlet?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Neyyattinkara 250.
Vilavancode 222.
Kalkulam 145.

(*b*) Neyyattinkara Rs. 3,20,000.
Vilavancode Rs. 1,74,006.
Kalkulam Rs. 24,640.

(*c*) The contractor's accounts for completed works are being settled.

(*d*) All the improved tanks have proper bunds, outlets and inlets wherever necessary.

Electric Trains.

437. MR. M. O. CHERIYAN (*Devicolam—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Transport be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in view of the fact that the petrol position is getting worse and as it is said that the world petrol position is not likely to improve until new oil fields are discovered, the Government be pleased to take necessary steps to obtain expert opinion as to the feasibility of running electric trains from Cape Comorin to Alwaye; and

(*b*) to obtain a comprehensive idea of the possibility of developing the Idikki Hydro Electric Scheme which it is said if developed will not only be capable of supplying the necessary electric power for an electric train system throughout the length of the State, but also will be capable of supplying power for extensive schemes of industries, irrigation etc?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) The Electrical Engineer to Government has made a preliminary investigation of the Idikki Project. He estimates that it will be possible to generate power to the extent of 180,000 K. W. continuous.

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